(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government propose to develop some indigenous production source of such ammunition to achieve self-reliance; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) and (f) The endeavour of the Government of India is to promote enhancement of our defence production capabilities, to facilitate indigenisation, consistent with the requirements of the Armed Forces.

Purchase of arms

405. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to certain reports that appeared in the middle of June indicating that India and Pakistan spent dollar 16 billion on purchases of Arms from International Market between 1988 to 1992;

(b) if so, the facts of these reports;

(c) whether the amount spent on purchases of Arms is very less when compared to Pakistan having less area and population than India;

(d) whether any such purchases have also been made in 1993;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether Government propose to make such purchases during 1994; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) The Government has been the Reports which have indicated that India and Pakistan together accounted for more than 18 per cent of world's Arms imports. Government do not have figures of the value of Defence imports by Pakistan. However, the figures of Arms imports by India given in the said reports are exaggerated.

(d) to (g) It will not be in national security interest to divulge details of acquisitions|purchases made or proposed to be made for our Armed Forces.

Intelligence wing for Cast Guards

406. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coast Guard, responsible for guarding over 7,000 kms of coastline does not maintain an independent intelligence wing of its own;

(b) if so, whether in view of increasing smuggling activity across the Indian coasts, especially th elarge quantities of RDX-smuggling which culminated in series of blasts in Bombay and elsewhere in the country last year, Government propose to raise an independent Intelligence Wing of the Coast Guard; and

(c) what other steps are being taken to make coast guard impenetrable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) The Coast Guard alongwith Navy are responsible for guarding the entire coast-line of India. There is no proposal for raising an independent Intelligence Wing of the Coast Guard. However, the Coast Guard coordinates its activities with Intelligence Bureau, the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence and Naval Intelligence from which it receives intelligence inputs, and also relies on information given by fishermen for apprehending foreign trawlers. A number of ships|boats and aircraft are planned for induction to enhance their capability, as per the Coast Guard Development Plan 1992-97.